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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DPD

SUBJECT : Comparison of Priority Needs of COMOR
for TALENT Materials

REFERENCE : Memo for AC/DPD from C/DPD/SRS, dtd
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1. Not to prolong the romance, but I feel that a world-wide evaluation of intelligence requirements by areas, based on your original charter ground rules, not climatology, political approval, etc., but rather the missile sites, atomic energy potential, guidance systems, etc., type thing would be beneficial.

2. The focusing of groups on current trouble spots sometimes leads to the ~~current~~ pitfall of taking the emphasis off our main objective (Big Picture).

3. I feel my responsibility lies in seeing the assets are used in a wise way. In determining this, the risks involved in each venture have to be weighed against not just the one specific current tactical return but the complete list of world-wide requirements. I don't have this at present; therefore, a sound recommendation on COMOR requests for overflights cannot be unprejudicially rendered.

4. [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, action with the State Department is being taken to place the Adana Detachment in the air. These I feel are of great importance. The time to rationally unground the U-2's in Adana is during a quiet period not when the pressure is on and world attention is on that area. A U-2 incident at this time of any type would torpedo this whole effort, including Cuba at a follow-on date.

5. You know these facts; however, I would appreciate a listing on a world-wide look-see by country not based on current newspaper spotlighting. Ah, so...my word for today (formal approach)!

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